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SUBJ: MORE VESCO-CONNECTED BOATS

JUSTICE PASS TO U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTH DIST., NY

1. "LA REPUBLICA" ON JULY 15, 1975, PUBLISHED A REPORT CONCERNING TWO ALLEGED SPEEDBOATS THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO COSTA RICA BY VESCO-CONNECTED COMPANIES AND AN ATTEMPTED TAX FRAUD THAT INVOLVED THEIR ENTRY.

2. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT A COMPANY, "INCATICA, S.A.," WHICH ACCORDING TO ITS REGISTRY DEALS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE, BROUGHT INTO COSTA RICA TWO HIGH-POWERED SPEEDBOATS DESIGNED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, AND REPORTED TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS THAT EACH BOAT WAS VALUED AT \$4,000. CUSTOMS HELD THE BOATS UNTIL THEY COULD CHECK THEIR VALUE AND FOUND THAT THE BOATS TOGETHER COST \$85,000. THE ARTICLE HOLDS THAT INCATICA ATTEMPTED TO AVOID \$85,000 WORTH OF TAXES BASED ON REAL COST OF BOATS (TAX RATES FOR LUXURY BOATS ARE 100 PERCENT).

3. REPORTED HEAD OF INCATICA IS ALBERTO CHRISTOPULOS ABREU PINA WHO IS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE AS VESCO'S "LIEUTENANT." ABREU PINA, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
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BY EMBASSY, IS ALSO THE HEAD OF "SECURITAS, S.A.,"

VESCO'S PERSONAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION.
ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS CLAIM
THE BOATS WERE BROUGHT INTO COSTA RICA, OVERLAND
FROM PANAMA, ON MAY 9 OR MAY 17, BUT "LA REPUBLICA"
REPORTERS CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN THE BOATS ON VESCO'S
PROPERTY IN FEBRUARY.

4. "LA REPUBLICA" ALSO SAYS THAT PUNTARENAS
CUSTOMS OFFICE PLANS TO AUCTION OFF THE TWO BOATS.
IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHO BUYS THEM.
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